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CATALYST FOR POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL BATTERY AND FUEL
BATTERY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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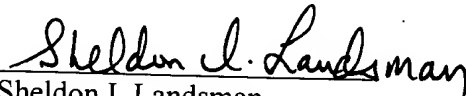
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, applicants submit the following explanations: Applicants enclose herewith a copy of an International Search Report from the International Searching Authority, which issued from International Application PCT/JP01/04557 corresponding to the present application, citing such documents (except for the cited JP-A-60-27700 and JP-A-07-150419), together with an English-language version of that portion of the International Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the International Searching Authority. Further, an English-language Patent Abstracts of Japan is enclosed herewith for each of the listed Japanese patent documents. In addition, JP-A-62-287571 is discussed at page 3 of the present specification. Further, an English-language translation is enclosed for the Carbon Black Manual that is cited in the International Search Report.

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